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- Percentage increase in average annual federal spending during the Obama Administration : 2.4
- Rank of that rate of increase among the lowest under any president since Truman : 1
- Cost of staging the 2012 London Olympic Games as estimated by the British government in 2003 : \$3,700,000,000
 - Cost as currently estimated by the British government : \$14,600,000,000
 - As estimated by an independent study : \$37,000,000,000
- Date after which Olympic athletes will be banned from promoting any brand, product, or service on Twitter : 7/15/2012
- Estimated number of “brand police” tasked with covering over logos and monitoring social media during the games : 250
- Chance that an American between the ages of 18 and 34 thinks Facebook is “likely to fade away” : 1 in 2
- Percentage change over the past fifty years in the number of hours U.S. college students spend working : +44
 - In the number of hours they spend studying : -59
- Percentage of top 40 songs from the 1960s that were written in a major key : 85
 - From the 2000s that were : 43
- Portion of all Americans with hepatitis C who were born between 1945 and 1965 : 2/3
- Factor by which the number of American babies born addicted to opiates has increased since 2000 : 3
- Projected gross revenue of the U.S. fertility industry in 2013 : \$4,260,000,000
- Rank of the United States among the world's largest exporters of human sperm : 1
- Tons of Greek-style yogurt spilled on a New York State highway after a truck crash in May : 18
 - Number of hours worked annually by the average Greek worker : 2,032
 - Rank of this number among the highest in the Eurozone : 1
- Number of bullets fired at human targets by German police in 2011 : 36
- Rank of rhinoplasty among the most common cosmetic surgical procedures performed on British men : 1
 - Rank of breast reduction : 2
- Estimated percentage of jokes made by female managers that get laughs, according to a British study : 20
 - By male managers : 90
- Portion of French president François Hollande's new cabinet members who are women : 1/2
 - Portion of U.S. cabinet members : 1/4
 - Of Japanese cabinet members : 1/17
- Number of days a juvenile penguin eluded Japanese authorities after escaping from an aquarium in March : 82
- Percentage of Russians who say having a strong leader is more important than having democracy : 57
- Minimum number of U.S. states whose constitutions forbid atheists from holding public office : 6
- Percentage of Americans who believe that anti-American speech should be protected by the Constitution : 45
- Number of people stopped and frisked by the NYPD last year for “furtive movements” : 351,739
 - For wearing “clothes commonly used in a crime” : 31,555
- Number of accidental 911 calls made in New York City last year by cell phones in pockets or purses : 3,910,373
- Number of reopened U.S. felony investigations that have resulted in exoneration since 1989 : 901
 - Average number of years each exonerated felon spent in prison : 11
- Amount that Pakistan fined each of Osama bin Laden's widows for their illegal stay in the country : \$110
- Percentage of U.S. veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan seeking disability benefits : 45
 - Number of private U.S. citizens killed in terrorist attacks in 2010 : 15
 - Number killed by falling televisions : 16

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